

Life before death: Puzzles

Ecclesiastes 7:1-14

Wisdom is a puzzle.

Ecclesiastes 6:12; Ecclesiastes 7:1-10

Wisdom is a life-saver.

Ecclesiastes 7:11-14

Considerations for the week

List characteristics of fools and of the wise. Consider circumstances in which each/both may be true.

Solomon seems to be saying that the things and people we avoid are those which are actually best for us. Relate examples when this is the case.

Name ways in which money and wisdom can be life-savers. How is wisdom better than money? Read Psalms 90:12; Psalms 119:05; Proverbs 1:7.

Solomon compares the value of wisdom with the value of material things. How does our culture rank them?

The truth can be painful, and we may avoid it. How might we cope more wisely?

Life's path is sometimes crooked and difficult, but we are to persevere. Consider how we can persevere. Review Psalms 46:10; Isaiah 40:28-31; Romans 8:28-39.

Describe an experience when this verse applied: "better is the end of a thing than its beginning".

How can we become wise? Read James 1:5.

Please use these considerations for personal reflection, small group discussions, and with friends and family.



In the day of prosperity be joyful, and in the day of adversity consider: God has made the one as well as the other, so that man may not find out anything that will be after him. — Ecclesiastes 7:14, ESV

Scripture read today during worship:

Proverbs 2:1-5

Philippians 4:19

Prayer today

Members will be praying for us during the service today and also during the week. Please email us at prayer@rtbchurch.org to let us know how we may pray for you.

Rice Temple Baptist Church

Today's order of service

Prelude, *Jesus Is Lord of All*

Call to worship

Believer's baptism

Hymn 25, *Immortal, Invisible*

Hymn, *You Are God Alone*

Hymn, *How Great Is Our God*

Hymn 104, *King of Heaven, Lord Most High*

Offertory

Reading

Special music

The Perfect Wisdom of Our God

Intergenerational prayer

Message

Hymn of response 382, *Be Thou My Vision*

Benediction

Postlude, *God Is Great*

Weekly events

Today after benediction, Cookies & Coffee, in parlor

Daniel in Today's World, today at 6:30

Young adults fellowship, Monday at 6:45pm. Dinner and discussion for those in college or starting careers

Mom's Day Out, Tuesday and Friday, 9am – 2pm
pre-registration required

Women's Bible study, Tues. at 10 am or Thurs. at 7 pm

Wednesday

Kids' Music Class, 5-6 pm

Dinner served, 5:30-6:30 pm. Menu: teriyaki chicken,
rice, veggies, pineapple upside-down cake

Prayer, 6:30 pm in the prayer room

BLAST! Children's Bible study and fun, 6:00 pm

Ladies' international Bible class (Zoom), 6:45 pm

Sermon discussion on Zoom, 7 pm

Choir rehearsal, 7:45 pm

Joy Program, Thursday, 9am-noon, conversational
English classes, Bible study, crafts, and handbells

Endurance men's Bible study, Thursday at 6pm

Focus: college-aged / young adult men

Young internationals Bible study, Saturday at 7 pm

Men's Bible study, every-other Saturday at 8 am.
Meets this week, November 15

Sunday morning

Adult Bible study, 9:30 am

Worship, 10:45 am

Children's Church at sermon time

Jingle Bell Express Volunteers are needed
December 9-13 to sort and assemble and

distribute donations
to CCSC for Christmas.

Church Directory

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Food distribution at CCSC Volunteers are
needed to help. Saturday, November 15

CCSC Food Drive We are collecting canned & boxed food and personal hygiene items
for distribution by the Christian Community Service Center. Through November 16

The church office has information on events.

Phone: 713.559.6875 Email: office@rtbchurch.org

The office is open Tuesday - Friday, 9am-3pm

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